Policy Statement

POLICY: Lapsed License Policy Acupuncture/ADS

The Board of Medical Examiners' Advisory Committee for Acupuncture recognizes that an individual may inadvertently allow his/her license to expire. However, statute prohibits an individual from working as an acupuncturist/ADS unless he/she has an active and unrestricted license. While the Board and Committee does not condone an individual working on an expired license, recognition is given to the fact that the problem does exist. As such, the Board and Committee has adopted the following procedures for reinstatement of an expired license.

- Immediately upon recognition that his/her license has expired, the individual must stop practicing and contact the board's administrative office to request a reinstatement application.
- Upon receipt of the reinstatement application, the individuals are to complete the application in its entirety, providing a detailed work history since the license expiration date. The application is to be signed, notarized, and returned to the board's administrative office along with any additional information and all fees specified in the instructions.
- Upon receipt of a completed reinstatement application, supporting documentation, including continuing education, and fees, the board administrator may immediately reinstate a license, which has been in an expired status for less than three months.
- If the reinstatement application received reflects in the work history that the individual has worked in excess of three months on an expired license, the board will present to the licensee, official notice which specifies payment of a fine in the amount of \$100 per month for Licensed Acupuncturists and \$25 for Licensed ADS for every month worked in excess of three months from the expiration date.

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